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CANYON MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

Body of Man Found in Big Santa Anita
Unidentified and Name May
Never Be Known

A grim tragedy of the mountains was revealed last Monday afternoon when school boys rambling in the Big Santa Anita canyon discovered the dead body of a man at the foot of a precipice. Careful investigation has failed to reveal the identity of the victim of the tragedy and the mystery may never be solved.

While tramping down the Big Santa Anita below the hermit's cabin the boys made the gruesome discovery. The canyon runs east for some distance below the hermit's cabin, then makes a sharp turn and runs almost west for a time. At the turn there is a water fall which cannot be passed without swimming. To avoid the falls it is common for mountain climbers to cross the ridge around which the stream runs at this point. The ridge rises several hundred feet above the bed of the canyon and there is no trail there.

One of the boys had become separated from the rest and upon reaching the top of the ridge and looking down on the other side he saw the body of the man lying on the rocks about half way down the slope. Repeated calls brought no reply and the lad satisfied himself that the man was dead. However, he was not near enough to be able to tell much about the man or how long he had lain where he was. Returning to Sierra Madre by way of the hermit's cabin and the Sturtevant trail, the lad gave the alarm, though he was too terrified to be able to tell much in detail about what he had seen.

Searching parties were soon on the way to the canyon. It was thought possible that the man had fallen during the day and might be alive with a chance of being saved if brought out before nightfall. The place described by the boys was located without difficulty. It was a small canyon running into the main canyon a short distance below the falls.

After a climb of about 250 feet up the almost vertical wall of the canyon the remains of the man were found in a pocket washed out in the rocks. Greer Caskey was the first to reach the spot. F. C. Lehmer, Mr. Frockhausen and George B. Morgridge joining him a few minutes later. The rest of the party remained below when informed that the man had been dead for some time and that nothing could be gained by removing the remains that night.

Apparently the unfortunate man had met his death while attempting to negotiate the same passage over the ridge that the boys were trying when they discovered his remains. Probably he fell from a point 100 feet or more above the spot where he was found, alighting face downward on the rocks and death being instantaneous.

Search was made in the clothing to discover if possible the identity of the man. The only possible clue found were initials 'F. D. W.' punched in the band of the hat which was found near the corpse. The date of purchase, 2-15, was written in the hat, but nothing could be learned to indicate the name of the purchaser at the store of

R. J. Busch, Los Angeles, where the hat was bought.

No papers were in the pockets, the only articles found being a needle book, a few empty .33 Winchester shells, some small coins, an Ingersoll watch, a celluloid collar, size 141-2, and a factory-tied four-in-hand. The clothing was that of a laborer, coat and vest being black, trousers dark gray, shirt gray cotton, mountain boots.

There was nothing to indicate the length of time the corpse had lain where it was found. Nothing was left but the clothing and skeleton. The hat evidently was purchased Feb. 15 of this year as it was of a style received in Los Angeles since the first of the year. Whether the owner had been dead two weeks or as many months could not be guessed. As it lay on the rocks the corpse had been exposed to the sun most of the day and decomposition would necessarily have been very rapid.

The coroner's office was notified by Marshal Lehmer and the removal of the corpse was assigned to Reynolds & Van Nuys of Pasadena who accomplished their difficult job late Tuesday afternoon. No new facts developed at the inquest which was held Wednesday. The remains were interred in a Pasadena cemetery.

Though the suicide theory has been suggested there is no evidence to support it. It is more likely that the man was wandering about by himself and his death was purely accidental. The spot where he perished is far from any of the trails and his remains might have remained undisturbed for a much longer period had not the boys found them when they did.

PLEASURE DRIVE IS DISASTROUS

While out for a moonlight drive Wednesday evening a party of four from the Camillo Guercio ranch lost control of their team and their buckboard was overturned near the corner of Highland and Mountain Trail about nine o'clock. One broken leg and several cuts and bruises resulted. Jacob Petrosard was the worst sufferer, sustaining a broken leg and several cuts about the head. After being given temporary relief by Dr. R. H. Mackerras he was taken to the county hospital in Los Angeles by Miss Polley, the municipal nurse, Jack Stevenson and J. H. Wright. With Petrosard in the buckboard were Clara Basio, Theresa Poveri and Alfonso DeMalo. None of these suffered severe injuries, though all were badly shaken up and the first named suffered some cuts.

Scientific American.—Prof. Henry H. Clayton, who for sixteen years has occupied the position of meteorologist at the Blue Hill Observatory, expects to cross the Atlantic in the near future in a balloon. He believes there are upper air currents flowing constantly eastward, which would make it possible to do this in three or four days. He expects to use a very large balloon, of about 230,000 cubic feet capacity. He is at present in San Francisco, from which point he intends to make a preliminary test flight across the continent. Prof. Clayton's project is similar to that proposed lately by Joseph Bruckner, who expects to perform the same feat in an airship by making use of trade winds which blow to the eastward during a certain part of the year.

VETERANS ATTEND CAMP-FIRE Grand Army Men Are Guests of Comrade and Mrs. M. W. Copps

Veterans of the Civil war who reside in Sierra Madre were delightfully entertained Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus W. Copps at their home on Esperanza avenue. The fraternal spirit of the camp-fire was in evidence and the occasion was a memorable one for all those present.

Flags, bunting and flowers comprised the tasteful decorations and a large portrait of the great war president adorned the walls. A basket of red geraniums occupied the center of the dining room table and small flags were everywhere in evidence. The place cards were unique, being miniature reproductions of the "A" tents so familiar to the boys in blue. A tiny flag was flying from the top of each, and the names of the guests were printed above the open door. They were designed by Miss Ethel Bowers.

At seven o'clock the dining room doors were opened to the beat of the drum and the company seated, after roll call and an invocation, at a bounteous supper. After the veterans had dispatched the delicious rations provided for them in true soldierly fashion the evening was spent in relating reminiscences of the war. Thrilling experiences were told by all present, and the singing of army songs was a delightful and soul stirring feature.

Especially interesting was the account given by Mr. Jasper Culver of his capture and in prisonment in Andersonville prison, and his final escape and return to the Union army.

Mr. and Mrs. Copps were assisted in entertaining the boys who wore the blue by their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Copps of Los Angeles, and Mrs. J. A. Osgood. The genial host is himself an army veteran and the comrades who gathered with him around his table were J. A. Adams, Jasper Culver, S. S. Casad, Eben North, A. D. Hawks, H. W. Jackson, J. H. Adelmeyer, J. A. Osgood, F. O. Nichols, W. H. Scott.

PICNIC IN LITTLE SANTA ANITA

An all-day picnic was enjoyed by several Sierra Madre families last Monday, beginning in the Little Santa Anita and winding up at Arbalita ranch. The crowd went to the canyon in the morning, taking lunch along and finding the coolness of the canyon in delightful contrast to the weather they left at home. If all accounts may be believed the picnic lunch was a great success from an artistic as well as culinary standpoint, due very largely to the able efforts of the head chef, Mr. E. A. Hoffman, and his chief assistant, Mr. F. R. Yerxa. The early afternoon was spent at games of various kinds, and about four o'clock the party journeyed to Arbalita ranch where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yerxa. After supper cards were enjoyed till ten o'clock. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Yerxa, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Yerxa, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dietz, Miss Katherine Torrance, Miss O'Brien of Los Angeles, Harry C. Yerxa, Torrance Welch of Pasadena and Lewis Torrance.

TRAGIC DEATH OF C. MOSS CLARK

Passes Away Suddenly While on Way Home From Station After a Trip to Pasadena

Tragic in its suddenness was the death of Mr. C. Moss Clark on Tuesday just before noon. All his friends were shocked at the news and particularly those who had seen him down town but a few minutes before, in good spirits and feeling apparently as well as usual.

Mr. Clark had just returned from Pasadena where he had gone that morning. Stepping from the eleven o'clock car, he and Mrs. Clark went into the drug store for some refreshment before starting for their home on the hill. While in the drug store Mr. Clark chatted with friends and seemed to be in the best of spirits. Getting into a carriage with Mrs. Clark, he started homeward. Hardly a block had been travelled when the summons came, a hemorrhage being followed by death within a very few minutes.

Among his associates in the lumber business in Los Angeles Mr. Clark was popular and recognized as a man of ability. He was about forty-five years of age and had worked his way up to an important position with the Stimson lumber interests when his health failed about two years ago. With Mrs. Clark and their little son he moved to Sierra Madre and their home has been here since that time.

Funeral services were held in Los Angeles yesterday morning.

Judge Curtis D. Wilbur will lecture on Friday evening, June 18, at Town Hall on "Humor and Pathos in the Juvenile Court". Proceeds from the lecture will go to the boys' club, The Knights of King Arthur.

SUMMER WORK AT OBSERVATORY

Prof. C. M. Abbott, director of the Smithsonian astrophysical observatory, left Washington early this week for Mt. Wilson, where he will begin his summer's work. The intensity of the sun's rays and the effect of variations in the atmosphere will receive most of his attention. The Smithsonian observing station on Mt. Wilson has nothing to do with the Carnegie institution's plant, though located on the same part of the peak. The Smithsonian observatory is the small, mausoleum like building far down on the extreme eastern point of Mt. Wilson. The great delicacy of the instruments and their susceptibility to the slightest variations in the temperature of surrounding objects makes it necessary to have them removed from everything that might interfere with the accuracy of the work done.

Associated with Prof. Abbott will be Prof. L. R. Ingersoll of the University of Wisconsin. They will pass some time on the summit of Mt. Whitney, 14,500 feet high, where the Smithsonian institution plans to have erected a shelter for the use of scientific investigators.

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MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

The Monday Musical club will meet next Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. C. Torrance, Mariposa avenue near Sunnyside. A program of American music will be given under direction of the hostess.

At this session the annual election of officers will take place, the polls being open from two to three-thirty. The nominating committee, of which Mrs. J. A. Madden is chairman, has presented the following list of candidates for the various offices:

For President—Mrs. M. B. Brownson, Miss A. B. Climie.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Laura H. Stevenson.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Rhea.

Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Dickson, Miss Elsie Caskey.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. G. Flint.

Board of Directors—Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. I. N. Ward, Mrs. L. E. Lyon, Mrs. C. H. Baker, Miss Hazel Hill, Mrs. Belle Kuhn, Mrs. F. D. K. Mcote, Miss Lenore Morgan, Miss Alta Rice.

DRAINAGE DITCH PLANNED

One of the projects now under consideration by the city trustees and which would be an important link in our system of municipal improvements is a storm water ditch to carry the water which flows from the Bailey or Reid canyon, striking Grand View avenue a short distance west of Adams street. Last winter's rains brought vast quantities of gravel down to Grand View avenue, where it was deposited, choking the big culvert and gutters. The gravel seemed to come from the lemon orchard of Mr. Dietz just above Grand View and every heavy rain caused trouble at that culvert. City Engineer Mansur said the only remedy was to construct a concrete storm water ditch from a point near the head of Lima street to the point where the water strikes Grand View avenue. Other engineers who have looked over the ground say this would effect the result desired. For the city to do the work a right of way would have to be deeded to the city by Mr. Dietz. The expense would then be levied against an improvement district, the limits of which would be defined by the trustees.

Another point needing similar treatment is at the east boundary of the Gurhardy tract. The culvert across Grand View and west of Sunnyside became choked with gravel washed down by the winter rains and a concrete ditch which would permit the storm water to flow freely and carry in suspension what little gravel came from higher up would probably solve the problem. When the improvement of west Grand View was begun Mrs. Fitzackerly signified her intention of having a ditch built along the east border of her tract. But since her death the matter is left without a satisfactory settlement being assured.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters are uncalled for at the Sierra Madre postoffice for the current week:

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OF SIERRA MADRE**Brief Items of Interest**

Norman Jensen is reported to be recovering nicely after his siege of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Samuel Gale Taylor of Chicago was a guest at the studio of Mrs. Elizabeth Borglum last week.

D. A. Grant has gone to Vancouver, British Columbia, and will spend at least a portion of the summer in the Kooteni mountains.

Mrs. Mary Russell of Hollywood was a guest on Sunday of Mrs. Elizabeth Zorglum. Mrs. Russell, with her husband, Senator Russell of Iowa, and her daughter, Helen, were known to many Sierra Madre people, having resided at Mrs. Ferry's for some time a number of years ago.

Mrs. F. R. Yerxa was the hostess at a farewell reception on Wednesday of last week in honor of Mrs. J. C. Pegler, affording an opportunity for farewells on the eve of Mrs. Pegler's departure with her husband for a three months visit in England.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Tarr are the happy parents of another son, who arrived Monday morning. The family will return to their Ocean Park cottage, whence Mr. Tarr and the boys were compelled to come to Sierra Madre last week on account of the illness of one of the boys.

Friends of Miss Meta Rice will be glad to know that she has just successfully completed the course in Normal Sloyd at Throop Institute, Pasadena. Miss Rice is also a graduate of the art normal department of the same institution, holding a teacher's certificate in special art.

A formal organization of the Aeolian club was effected at a meeting held at the home of Miss Maybelle Caley on Wednesday evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, M. C. Doucet; vice president, Miss Alma Jones; secretary, Miss Etta Dickson; Librarian, Miss Maybelle Caley; treasurer, Donald Graham. Plans for the summer's work and for the concert to be given on the evening of June 19 were discussed.

Mrs. Edgar Ferguson, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Brown of Hotel Sierra Madre, entertained a party of little girls and boys in honor of Miss Evelyn's second birthday. After an hour spent at various games a delicious lunch was served on the lawn, the Misses Bell looking after the wants of the little ones. The guests were George Etta Mullin, Gertrude McCarey, Margaret Davenport, Marie McClure, Gladys Kimball, Maxine Theim, Olive Letts, Robert Bechtelheimer, Raymond McCarey, Jack Bravinder.

The Sanitation exhibit car of the state board of health visited Sierra Madre last Saturday evening and was visited by a large number of people. Owing to the short notice on which the car came and lack of opportunity for advertising the attendance was not as large as it undoubtedly would have been otherwise. The car is a part of the educational work carried on by the board, going from town to town for the purpose of giving instruction in sanitation and correct living, and also showing graphically the ravages of disease and methods of combatting it, particularly tubercular disease. Mrs. Lund of El Reposo sanatorium informs us that the car was sent to Sierra Madre at the instance of some of the directors of the sanatorium company who were anxious that the people of Sierra Madre be given an opportunity to inspect it.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. R. Moote were visitors at Switzer's camp from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. Anna R. Militz has returned from Oakland and is at home in her cottage at the head of Auburn avenue.

Mrs. Grant E. Morgan, Miss Lenore and Adelbert, started Tuesday evening for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will spend the summer.

A. S. Mead reports the exchange of the Paul C. Staples place in Park Manor for two lots on Kenwood avenue, Los Angeles, to Mrs. Emily Aubury.

W. E. Bechtelheimer is enjoying a visit from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Bechtelheimer, of Omaha. They arrived last evening and will remain during the summer.

Miss Elsie Caskey is suffering from the long delayed ill effects of an injury to her knee, sustained while on a picnic in the Big Santa Anita last summer.

In the article in last week's News regarding the proper name of Laura avenue an inadvertent error was made in referring to Miss Frances Hawks and Mrs. Laura Hawks Stevenson as sisters, the latter being a niece of Miss Hawks.

GETS A NICE RAISE

Sierra Madre is one of about sixty post offices in California receiving an advance in the salary allowance of the postmaster. According to the Washington dispatches the amount was raised from \$1,300 to \$1,400, wherefore Postmaster Yerxa will receive the congratulations of his friends.

WINS CHAMBERLAIN MEDAL

Charles Camp of Sierra Madre has achieved one of the high honors of the school year at Throop institute and one of which he may well be proud. Last Friday morning he was awarded the Chamberlain medal for excellence in both athletics and scholarship. On the basis of marking used his score was 42, while his nearest competitor had 39 points.

PUTTING METERS IN ORDER

Superintendent Grant Morgan has been putting the water meters in order for the summer season this week. Very soon your allowance of water will be meted out to you by the spoonful so it behooves you to be careful of the precious fluid. Frank Biederman, who operated the pumping plant last summer, has been assisting in fixing up the meters.

BILLY'S TASTE

He spotted next a poster girl
With gown extremely low,
And as he ate her up he said,
"I'm taking in the show."
—Boston Transcript.

A matron of the most determined character was encountered by a young woman reporter on a country paper, who was sent out to interview leading citizens as to their politics. "May I see Mr. —?" she asked of a stern-looking woman who opened the door at one house. "No, you can't," answered the matron, decisively. "But I want to know what party he belongs to," pleaded the girl. The woman drew up her tall figure. "Well, take a good look at me," she said, "I'm the party he belongs to!"

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BY THE WAY

Forest Ranger George Crowe con-
firms the report that the yucca has been
included in the timber classification by
the forestry service to prevent its ex-
tinction at the hands of curiosity seek-
ers. It is therefore unlawful to re-
move the flowering stalk of the yucca
until it has gone to seed and the stalk
is dead. Many people have been heard
to commend the ruling since reading
about it in the News last week.

What was it someone said once about
California summers being "even more
delightful than the winters?" Bring
out the villain that he may be sen-
tenced to the Ananias club.

Smutty plays and managers who
produce them were given a deserved
rebuke last week by President Taft.
Mr. Taft was so disgusted with a scene
depleting life in the New York tender-
loin that he left, with his party, at the
end of the first act. As the party had
occupied a box the departure and the
rebuke were very noticeable and caused
much comment. The action of the
president merits and receives the com-
mendation of every clean minded per-
son in the land.

Some of the young men about town
have been discussing the project of
organizing a volunteer fire department
for Sierra Madre. If the thing is to be
done now is the time of year to get
busy. This is only one step that
should be taken immediately in the di-
rection of better fire protection. Every
town along the Sierra Madres is hav-
ing its annual "awakening" to the need
of fire protection, as the menace of
the hot, dry summer draws near.

In a circular recently sent out by
the grape growers association of Cali-
fornia the statement is made that
"there isn't at the present time one
American in ten thousand who knows
anything about the benefits of wine."
Never was a truer statement made by
advocate of prohibition or of the liquor
business. As a matter of fact not one
man in ten million knows about any
benefit that can be derived from the
use of wine or any other liquor that
cannot be secured as well and as
cheaply by the use of something else
without the harmful results, direct or
indirect, from the use of wine. If the
grape growers want publicity for the
sake of pushing the raisin or sweet
grape juice industry, the press will help
to boost their game gladly. But when it
comes to wine there are mighty few
papers in this part of the state who
have a good word for them, and the
News is not one of these.

WHAT THREE DRINKS WILL BUY

Ohio temperance people are using a
very forcible argument in their cam-
paigns in the form of a simple state-
ment under the above caption. A
striking showing is made by the state-
ment which follows:

Anyone who drinks three glasses of
whisky a day for one year and pays 10
cents a drink for it, can have at any
of the firms whose names appear on
this card, the following groceries:

3 bbls. flour.
20 bu. potatoes.
200 lbs. granulated sugar.
1 bbl. crackers.
1 lb. pepper.
2 lbs. tea.
50 lbs. salt.
20 lbs. rice.
50 lbs. butter.
10 lbs. cheese.
25 lbs. coffee.
10 lbs. candy.
39 doz. cans tomatoes.
39 doz. oranges.
10 doz. bananas.
2 doz. cans corn.
18 boxes matches.
1-2 bu. beans.
100 cakes soap.
12 pkgs. rolled oats.

for the same money and get \$15.30
premium for making the change in
his expenditures.

It would be difficult to prepare a
statement showing better the folly and
waste of the liquor habit. And it also
punctures the argument so often heard
that somehow money spent for liquor
is a great promoter of prosperity in
general. Legitimate business suffers
just to the extent that money is
poured into the tills of the liquor sell-
ers, not to mention the suffering that
results from lack of the things that are
superseded in the family budget by the
liquor item.

TWO GOOD PROPOSITIONS

The Alhambran-Advocate is trying
to rid Alhambra of the obnoxious "for
sale" and "for rent" signs on property
about town. The real estate men are
urged to get together and remove the
signs entirely, or to use common bul-
letins on which the names of all agents
with whom the property is listed may
be placed. Either plan would do away
with the motley collections of signs
which often give visitors the impres-
sion that most of the property owners
want to leave town, or tend to cheapen
the property which the agents are try-
ing to sell or rent.

Sierra Madre has been fortunately
free from this sort of thing, though of
late there has been a tendency toward
a return to former conditions which
were much like those in Alhambra.
The News is informed that some two
years ago an agreement was made
among the real estate men here to
abolish such signs. This was very
generally observed until a few months
ago, though there were one or two ex-
ceptions among the agents who re-
placed the signs removed under the
agreement within a very short time.

Another reform just now advocated
by the Alhambran-Advocate is the
adoption of one telephone system to
the exclusion of the other. There
merchants are put to the double

pense of having two phones to main-
tain and one-half of the residents can-
not talk to the other half by phone
because few care to pay for two phones.

The adoption of one system through-
out Southern California is urged as
the ultimate desideratum, for which
let us all pray. In Alhambra the Sun-
set seems to be in favor, while in Sierra
Madre the local company with Home
connections does most of the business,
the Sunset being little used save for
long distance and by people who prefer
the direct Pasadena connections. The
telephone business is one of the few in
which only a monopoly can give the
best service because it reaches all tele-
phone users in the district covered.
But competition is a great thing to
stimulate satisfactory service in other
respects and the difficulty of reaching
any agreement on one or the other
system in Southern California seems
to make a telephone monopoly a re-
mote possibility at present.

JOURNALISTIC DEMENTIA

About the baldest and most inex-
cusable piece of journalistic faking on
record was the Times' account of the
finding of the dead man in the Big
Santa Anita canyon last Monday, and
coupled with it the report of the ac-
cident to Mrs. R. H. Wilson of Los
Angeles. After Manager Patterson of
the local telephone company had
painstakingly given the Times office
all the essential facts of both stories
by phone Monday night, the informa-
tion was turned over to some cub
space writer who had just partaken
heartily of a Welsh rarebit banquet
and who then proceeded to write his
dream. At least such a conclusion is
justified by the almost total lack of
truth in the narrative as it appeared
in the Times Tuesday morning.

Analysis of the dream of the rare-
bit field in this particular case would
be fruitless. But it might be well to
mention, the Times to the contrary
notwithstanding, that the accident to
Mrs. Wilson and the finding of a
corpse a mile and a half further up
the canyon had nothing to do with
each other; neither Mrs. Wilson nor
the unidentified man fell from the
Sturtevant trail, or was nearer than
half a mile from the Sturtevant trail
at its nearest point; the Wilsons' pic-
nic party had not been nearer to Mt.
Wilson all day than Sierra Madre;
the Sturtevant trail is not a "little
used trail" and in bad condition, but
is the best trail in this part of the
country.

It is unfortunate that no accident
that has occurred in the mountains
near here in years has been accurately
reported in the columns of the Times.
Always a lot of fantastic statements
are added till readers not acquainted
with the mountains get the idea that
the trails are perilous and in bad con-
dition and every person who goes to
the mountains does so at the imme-
diate risk of life and limb. The mis-
statements of the Times in this case
caused a great deal of indignation,
especially when it was learned that
accurate information had been fur-
nished them.

THOSE WHO NEEDN'T

Down in Ohio is a concern capital-
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men. The stock pays an annual di-
vidend of forty per cent. Machinery
of a certain type is manufactured.
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man, one looks after the office, the
third after the factory. It is an ideal
combination. Each member obeys the
law of economy. Each member is con-
servative. Forty per cent is a pretty
fair return on money invested, you
know.

It happens that the annual output of
this plant is disposed of through per-
sonal solicitation, most of the work
being done by the salesman-partner.
Did this company advertise it would
be necessary to increase the size of

the factory. This would entail a large
expense, and, as one of the partners
told me, they do not feel like gamb-
ling when they have a sure thing.

This company has no desire to grow.
Therefore, it does not need advertis-
ing. Only companies with ambitions
should advertise.

I know of a little store away back
in the mountains of Kentucky. The
storekeeper buys once a year. His
customers seldom leave their own
community, and Uncle Sam does not
even bring them mail because they
have no one in the outside world to
write to them.

This store has a monopoly. Mail or-
der catalogues never enter that region,
and there are no other stores for miles.
The storekeeper makes enough for his
simple wants, he has no desire to se-
cure more trade.

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Salt Lake Route

AT THE THEATERS

Belasco

James A. Herne's familiar comedy, "Shore Acres," will be played next week by the Belasco Theater company. "Shore Acres" is one of the recognized classics of the American stage and during the life of Mr. Herne it was accepted as his greatest of all play writings. The part of Nathaniel Berry will give Louis Morrison a capital chance to demonstrate his ability as a character actor. The part of Martin Berry will be played by De Witt C. Jennings and all of the Belasco players will be found in the supporting roles, while a scenic equipment of more than ordinary elaborateness is promised.

The following week the Belasco Theater company will offer for the first time by a stock company anywhere, Charles Klein's enormously successful play, "The Lion and the Mouse." The Klein play will serve to introduce Richard Bennett to local theater goers. Mr. Bennett Saturday night concluded his New York engagement as leading man with Maude Adams in the play "What Every Woman Knows." He will leave for Los Angeles Sunday and in "The Lion and the Mouse" he will be seen in his original role of Jefferson Ryder. Miss Reed will have the part of Shirley Rossmore.

Majestic

With the original New York production intact, and with their company reorganized especially for the presentation of their greatest success, those distinguished Teutonic fun makers Messrs. Kolb and Dill, announce a sumptuous revival of "Lonesome Town" at the Majestic theater next week. "Lonesome Town" is the piece that carried Kolb and Dill to success in New York City. They played it here last season, but at that time the New York production was not presented, the stage of the Los Angeles theater proving too small to accommodate the scenery.

In "Lonesome Town", which is the nearby suburb of Watts, picturesquely paraphrased for stage use, Kolb, Dill and Sydney de Grey appear as tramps; Percy Bronson and Carlton Chase are promoters of the "dollar down, dollar a month lots;" Ernest Van Pelt, especially engaged for the part, is the town constable; Adele Rafter, the dashing San Francisco widow, and Marion Miller, the country girl, a sort of California Sis Hopkins. There are eleven big musical numbers in the piece.

Burbank

For the coming week Manager Oliver Morosco announces a sterling offering at the Burbank theater, where William Gillette's great war play, "Secret Service," will be given an elaborate revival, with William Desmond in the role of Captain Thorne; Miss Blanche Hall as Caroline Mitford and Lovell Alvie Taylor as Edith Varney. The play was last seen at the Burbank in November of 1903, when it was played by the old Neill-Morosco company. In the current presentation Charles Giblyn will appear as Lieut. Maxwell, the role he played with Gillette both in this country and in London.

HAPPY DE LONGPRE

The Hollywood Citizen says:

There is a municipal band in Honolulu and there is pleasant society and a profusion of flowers, so that Paul de Longpre, who is stopping there until July, feels that he is among congenial surroundings. Of course he has been interviewed by the papers

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there and has said pleasant things to them. "My impressions of Honolulu, I am happy to say, are beyond all my expectations. As for my wife, she can hardly find words to express her admiration. It is beyond my comprehension that the United States having in possession islands gifted with the most perfect of all climates seems to ignore them. If those islands were as near Europe as they are to Amer-

ica, there would be 100,000 wealthy people living in them." The Hawaiian Star of May third says de Longpre is so enamored of Hawaii that he may remain there permanently and on the same date publishes Theo. M. Carpenter's ode to the artist on his fiftieth birthday. The Hawaiian band gives de Longpre compositions on the public square, and the cheery son of France is having the time of his life.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Modern Priscillas and other guests were entertained yesterday afternoon with a delightful reception at the home of Miss Annis B. Coffey. The affair was in the nature of a farewell to Mrs. Charles E. Bentham and to allow the guests an opportunity to meet Mrs. Titian B. Coffey and her mother, Mrs. Russell of Los Angeles. Delightful refreshments were served and the affair was pronounced one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The Misses Bergtold, Pasadena school teachers have been visiting with John A. Thompson. They intend going east to Buffalo, N. Y. about the 19th of June, returning to up take their positions in Pasadena at the beginning of the fall term.

Mrs. Abbie R. Castle and two daughters of Long Beach have moved into Mrs. Patten's cottage on Dixie Drive for the summer.

A LIBERAL OFFER

The ladies of the Woman's Club are to hold a card party at Mrs. Hoffman's home next Friday evening for the benefit of the club house. Mr. E. A. Hoffman, in his big-hearted, generous way, has offered to donate an amount equal to the receipts of the evening. Now this is a good thing for the ladies and let us all push it along. Let everybody in our little city buy at least one ticket and as many more as they can.

F. R. YERXA.

Scientific American.—The very special subject of heredity of hair color has been exhaustively considered by Gertrude and Charles Davenport. From their investigations it follows that there are probably two main types of pigment in human hair—one a reddish yellow and the other a sepia-brown—and that "two" parents with clear blue eyes and yellow or flaxen straight hair can have children only of the same type, no matter what the grand-parental characteristics were that dark-eyed and dark-haired, curly-haired parents may have children like themselves, but also of the less developed condition."

He—How is it you are always out when I call? She—Just luck.—Life.

Traveling Man—My good man, what time does this train leave Swampy Centre? Agent—My friend, I'm only the agent. I'm not a fortune teller.—Stray Stories.

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SAD ENDING OF PICNIC

Los Angeles Woman Injured by Fall in Big Santa Anita Canyon

Serious and almost fatal injuries were suffered by Mrs. R. H. Wilson of Los Angeles at the close of a day's outing with her family and friends in the Big Santa Anita canyon Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who reside at 16th and Los Angeles streets, together with their daughter and several friends, had spent the day in the canyon. Starting home about five o'clock, they followed the Baldwin pipeline trail which runs along the wall of the lower canyon for nearly half a mile below the intake of the pipe.

At a point just opposite the cabin of the "hermitess" where the trail is very narrow, Mrs. Wilson lost her footing. She fell and rolled to the bottom of the declivity, a distance of about 50 or 60 feet, her face being terribly cut and her body bruised. Mr. Wilson who was near by, attempted to save her when she fell, and was himself pulled down the slope but escaped injury. The daughter, Nellie, 20 years of age, became hysterical and would have jumped from the trail had she not been restrained by other members of the party.

The friends hastened to descend to the bottom of the canyon, which here

broadens out into the "wash," and rendered such aid as they could while awaiting medical assistance which was summoned immediately. Mrs. Riedeselle, the "hermitess," also aided.

Before medical aid arrived the searching party which had started out in quest of the man who had been reported killed further up the canyon came to the point where Mrs. Wilson's accident occurred. The buggy of A. N. Adams was pressed into service and with the assistance of A. S. Mead the suffering woman was removed to the residence of Foreman Watkins of the Baldwin ranch nearby. Dr. Mackerras of Sierra Madre and Dr. Davies of Monrovia arrived about that time.

So badly was Mrs. Wilson's face lacerated that more than two dozen stitches were necessary to close the wounds. It was ten o'clock before the doctors could leave her. She was kept at the Watkins home until strong enough to be removed to Los Angeles.

The Wichita Eagle quotes a western Kansas paper as saying: "The head of Lincoln appears on the new silver half dollar, the bust of Cleveland will be on the new \$10 certificate, and that of Grant on the \$50 one. We'll get a sight of Lincoln now and then and occasionally may scrape an acquaintance with Cleveland, but good-bye, General Grant, and God bless you."

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS

Pursuant to the statutes and to Ordinance No. 93 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, adopted May 13th, 1909, directing this notice, the undersigned will receive and invites, at his office in the City Hall of the city of Sierra Madre, up to 8 o'clock p.m. of the 10th day of June, 1909, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done in said city of Sierra Madre, to-wit:

First. For the grading and oiling of Sunnyside Avenue from the intersection of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View Avenue on the north, including all intersections (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions of said street and intersections as have already been graded to the official line and grade, oiled and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 10.

Second. For the construction of a cement curb along both sides of said Sunnyside Avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View Avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said street between said intersections where a cement curb has been constructed to line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third. For the construction of a cement gutter five (5) feet in width along the westerly side of said Sunnyside Avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line on Grand View Avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said westerly side of said street where a cement gutter five (5) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fourth. For the construction of a cement gutter two and one-half (2½) feet in width along the easterly side of said Sunnyside Avenue from the north curb

line of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View Avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said easterly side of said street where a cement gutter two and one-half (½) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fifth. For the construction of cement concrete culverts along and across said Sunnyside Avenue, between said termini, where shown on the plans and profiles for such work, and in accordance with the number of the plan designated thereon, and in accordance with city specifications for the construction of cement concrete culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Sixth. For the construction of cement swales along and across said Sunnyside Avenue, between said termini, at such places and of such dimensions as are shown on the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city of Sierra Madre, and in accordance with city specifications No. 7 on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

The said Board of Trustees finds, upon estimates of the City Engineer of said city that the cost of said work or improvement will be greater than fifty (50) cents per front foot along each line of said street so proposed to be improved, as hereinbefore set forth, including the cost of intersection work assessable upon said frontage; and said Board of Trustees determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipal-

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Sierra Madre, Cal., May 27th, 1909.

J. A. MADDEN,
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